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Testimony to the Transportation Committee

Senate Bill 696 An Act Concerning Parking At The West Haven Train Station

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Good Morning Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of Senate Bill 696 An Act Concerning Parking At The West Haven Train Station.

This legislation seeks to review parking capacity and the feasibility of constructing a parking garage to accommodate commuters traveling from the West Haven Train Station. The current proposal includes parking space for a total of 685 vehicles. The West Haven Train station will be comparable in size to New Haven and Stamford, and concerns have been raised that there will not be adequate parking to accommodate the projected demand.

Potentially, the construction of a parking garage may help to stimulate the West Haven economy. A 24-hour garage will require employing a large number of people to provide security and maintenance.

I ask that the Transportation Committee consider reviewing the feasibility of a parking garage to help move West Haven in the right direction for the good of all area residents who wish to enjoy access to the new train station.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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